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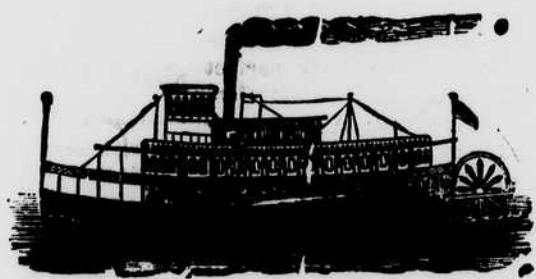
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#### TELL HER SO.

You have not forgot the summer  
When your love dream came to you,  
And the wooing and the winning  
Of the heart that's been so true.  
Years have gone, and still you love her,  
But we often careless grow;  
Though your love's as warm as ever,  
Do you often tell her so?

Do you think she has forgotten,  
In the fading of the years,  
Words she loved to hear you utter—  
Only meant for lovers' ears?  
No! She never will forget them,  
Tender words so sweet and low,  
And today she longs to hear them;  
If you love her, tell her so!

Those old, happy days of wooing  
For the world she'd not forget,  
Though the honeymoon is over,  
You should be as lovers yet.  
When the cares of life are many,  
And its burdens heavy grow,  
Help her bear them, and I pray you,  
If you love her, tell her so!

Loving words will cost you nothing,  
And you cannot tell their power;  
Cannot tell how much they brighten  
All the shadows of the hour.  
Grudge them not, as on life's journey  
Through this world of ours you go;  
To the faithful hearts besides you,  
If you love them, tell them so!

#### NEWS FROM CAPE NOME.

**Its Vast Wealth Recognized at last**

The public have but recently awakened to the fact that there is a country that may outdo the Klondike, the Nugget of the 16th announcing that the new diggings are the most phenomenal on earth.

A correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner writing from Nome, under date of August 17th, says that when people arrived from Kotzebue sound "they were surprised to see men digging on the beach. Hundreds began panning, then carried out rockers, and finally moving there with their tents and bag and baggage, so that now the bulk of the population is on the beach, working early and late like ants, and taking out from \$1 to \$200 per day to a man. It is true that those who take out the most are in the minority, as most of the workers only take out what they call wages—about \$10 to \$20 per day, while some others don't take out as much as \$2 per day. Who knows whether it is the fault of the man who works the rocker or the fault of the piece of ground they are working. It may be both, but the fact remains just the same that some of them are washing out hundreds of dollars per day; and while they are paying on the claims from five to nine dollars per day, they are paying on the beach \$1 per hour."

"With respect to the beach diggings on government land a rule has been adopted to the effect that each man is allowed 60 feet for rocking purposes; but the person's right to such 60 feet terminates when the rocker is removed, a similar right may then be acquired by another party.

The men follow the receding tide with their rockers and work at the very edge of the surf until driven back. The men on the beach protest that for 180 miles along the beach the prospects are equally as good as where the ground is being worked.

Many men under contract to the A. C. Co. have incurred a liability to a suit for damages by deserting their various posts.

Governor Brady and Manager Wilson estimate that \$9,000,000 will not cover the amount of gold from these new fields this season.

The people of Nome are living in tents almost exclusively, and a great rush is anticipated when the final freeze up shall turn their eyes towards Seattle. Only a percentage can be accommodated and the balance will have to hustle for themselves.

The whole thing reads like a fairy story, but so did the first accounts of the Klondike, and many Dawsonites who have just come in were led, for a long time, into believing all the stories of Klondike wealth to be mere hallucinations of miners "run stampede mad."

The Nugget also publishes interviews with eight other returned visitors to Nome who confirm the above information.

#### The Transvaal Question.

Almost to the exclusion of every other matter of interest the Transvaal question occupies the world's stage, and deservedly so, for although the quarrel is nominally between "Uncle Paul" and the British Government, in reality it is a somewhat general question: for English capital and English interests represent only about one fourth of the stake in the celebrated "Witwatersrand" district of the Transvaal of which Johannesburg is the central location. American, German, French and Italian capital being largely represented.

Our readers may remember the Boer uprising of 1880 when, after the British forces had suffered six signal defeats, from the massacre of "Bonker's Spruit" to the disastrous battle of Majuba Hill, where the governor of Natal Sir George Pomeroy Colley lost his life together with 400 out of his 650 men.

After a six months' armistice, terms of peace were signed by the Gladstone administration by which the Boers were guaranteed their independence subject to the suzerainty of Great Britain.

Now a suzerainty is at the best but an unsatisfactory arrangement and is generally only adopted to lend a little dignity to the back-down from a more powerful nation; and it is safe to say but for the marvellous gold discoveries of the Rand, the Boers would have been left alone to pursue their pastoral pursuits unmolested by British interference, as in like manner but for the gold finds on this side of the world, we would have had no Boundary commission, and no Venezuelan question.

The Boer is a unique specie of mankind insular, taciturn yet extremely hospitable, intensely religious, yet brave to a fault. He is magnificent as a pioneer, yet asks only to be left alone. Impatient of restraint he prefers the solitude of the veldt or the mountain to the most fertile plains where he is associated with his fellow man and is amenable to their laws.

The Boer it was who for nearly 100 years has fought the savages of South Africa; he subdued and colonized Cape Colony, the Paarl, the Kat-river territory, Natal, the Orange Free State and later the Transvaal, each of which in their turn were annexed by England. Rather than live under the hated flag and obey its laws, they trekked farther and yet farther into the wilderness, fighting wild beasts and yet wilder men and again made themselves a home.

The Transvaal is their last stand; they can go no further. Beyond them is German East Africa and around them on all sides are various foreign possessions.

If it comes to a conflict, the world will be treated to the spectacle of 14,000 or 15,000 dutch farmers fighting and dying for their hard won homes, against one of the most powerful military nations of Europe.

The writer was in the Transvaal during the war of 1880-81 and knows whereof he speaks, but the pity of it the pity of it.

The question at issue is one that would never have arisen between two powerful nations. The Transvaal government has a perfect right to say under what conditions a Uitlander shall become a citizen, and a perfect and undoubted right to exclude any undesirable class of people, as America does in California, and England in Australia.

Nothing is certain if the Dutch Afrikaner through the various colonies, join issue with their brethren of the Transvaal, the power of England will shock to its foundation in Africa; and it might even be on the cards that "Oom Paul" and his second in command Piet Joubert, make a triumphal entry into Pretoria.

J. J. SMITH.

#### The Time to Marry.

You may not tell a young man whom to marry, but you may with propriety, tell him when to marry. Too many young men marry too young. Too often they can scarcely support themselves, when they incur the additional responsibility of supporting a wife, and possibly a mother-in-law in the bargain. In most cases this leads to domestic infelicity, for, talk as you may, money and home comforts are absolutely essential to domestic happiness. It is wrong for any man to ask a woman to leave her father's home before he has one prepared for her, or the tangible assurance that is able to prepare one. No young man should think of marrying before he is in a position to comfortably care for the woman who trusts herself to his keeping. If you are a young man contemplating marriage don't consummate the transaction till you have a home—one little spot in all the world that you can call your own, and where you will be king and your wife undisputed queen. Don't bring your wife to live with your mother, trouble is always sure to follow and your home will never be so happy after your wife has had trouble with your mother. You will thereafter live between two of the hottest fires on earth and life will lose many of its charms.

#### Drowned in the Stikeen

We regret to announce the sad death of A. D. Stanfield who was drowned in the Stikeen River, 16 miles below Glenora, on the 22nd. inst.

It appears that while he in company with his partner Harry Pidgeon, were attempting to make a landing the canoe was caught by an eddy capsizing the craft and precipitating the unfortunate men into the swift waters of the river. They were both strong swimmers and were endeavoring to recover their canoe when suddenly and without warning the unfortunate man sank to rise no more. His sudden disappearance is attributed to an attack of cramps.

Mr. Stanfield was a native of California, and had been engaged in prospecting and exploring in this vicinity for the past eighteen months and was well respected by all with whom he came in contact.

#### Dyea Booming.

Recent arrivals from Skaguay report that the narrow gauge railroad between Dyea and Canyon city is being torn up and that a standard gauge road is being constructed. At Sheep Camp the company has constructed a large commissary building and bunk house and 11 men are at work on the tunnel. A large stock of supplies have been forwarded up the trail and Dyea is the scene of great activity.

#### EROM ANDREE.

**Marked Buoy Opened Before The Cabinet.**

**Contains Evidence That The Much Sought Pole Was Reached**

B buoy marked "Andree Polar Expedition," which with an anchor attached, was found on September 9th on the north coast of King Charles Island, by the master of the Norwegian cutter Martha Larsaak, was opened yesterday in the presence of a number of experts and members of the Cabinet. It was found to be the so-called North Pole buoy which Andree had arranged to drop if he succeeded in passing the Pole.

#### Church Announcements.

Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church, a translation of a speech by Katsikan lately delivered will be read. The subject of the sermon will be "Christ the Good Shepherd." All are cordially invited.

H. P. CORSE.



### THE LAW OF RECOMPENSE.

There is no wrong, by any one committed.  
But will recoil;  
Its sure return, with double ill repeated,  
No skill can foil.

As on the earth the mist it yields to  
heaven  
Descends in rain,  
So on his head who'er has evil given  
It falls again.

It is the law of life that retribution  
Shall follow wrong;  
It never fails, although the execution  
May tarry long.

Then let us be, with unrelaxed endeavor,  
Just, true and right,  
That the great law of recompense may  
ever  
Our hearts delight.

### Lottie's Blue Eyes.

THE harrowing conviction was forcing itself upon Miss Sophia's mind that her brother, Rev. Harmon Pendleton, at the mature age of 44, had actually fallen in love. This fact was in itself an offense to Miss Sophia, but it was not all, for the minister had committed the supreme folly of losing his heart to a girl, and a most objectionable young person altogether in Miss Sophia's eyes. "Now if he had only fallen in love with Mary," mused Miss Sophia. "She is a most estimable young woman. But that doll-faced, vain, frivolous Lottie—" and Miss Sophia groaned. "A man of his age and a minister of the gospel to lose his wits over a pink and white complexion and yellow hair! Oh, it is too bad. If I only knew of some way to disenchant him!"

Just then two girls and a young man passed along the street. One of the girls was tall, dark-haired and stately; the other was plump-cheeked and yellow-haired. Her hands were full of roses and her laughing blue eyes were uplifted to the face of the young man by her side.

Miss Sophia snorted with disgust. "Flirting, as usual, the shameless piece!" she ejaculated. "A nice minister's wife she would make! Harmon's an idiot!"

Then Miss Sophia suddenly awoke to the fact that the hired girl had been left much too long to her own devices, and rose hastily to her feet. In so doing she tripped over a stool and gave her ankle a severe wrench.

A little later Rev. Harmon Pendleton returned home and found Miss Sophia with her foot on a stool and her ankle swathed in bandages.

"Why, Sophia, what has happened?" asked the minister.

"I've sprained my ankle," replied Miss Sophia, with grim disgust. "I can't so much as put my foot on the floor."

"Why, this is indeed bad," murmured Rev. Harmon.

"And that is not all," said Miss Sophia. "Martha has just had word that her mother is very ill and to come home immediately. What to do I can't imagine."

"Why, get another girl."

"Since when has it become so easy to get help in Westonville at a moment's notice?" ejaculated Miss Sophia, with extreme scorn.

"I met Miss Armiger down the street," said the minister with sudden inspiration. "She intends stopping on her way home. Perhaps she can think of a way out of the difficulty."

"I don't doubt it; Mary Armiger is a most superior young woman," said Miss Sophia, with emphasis.

"Yes, she is indeed," readily assented the minister.

"So utterly unlike her sister Lottie," supplemented Miss Sophia.

"Yes, they are very unlike, certainly," said the minister quietly.

"Did you meet Lottie also?" asked Miss Sophia, furtively watching her brother's face. "She passed with Charlie Saunders, making eyes at him as usual. What an audacious flirt that girl is."

"Oh, I have not seen Lottie," replied the minister, and then he added: "Here comes Miss Armiger now."

He passed into the hall, returning in a few minutes with Mary Armiger.

"Why, Miss Sophia, I am sorry to hear of your accident," she said.

She had soft dark eyes and a low, sweet voice.

"I was just telling Sophia that perhaps you may be able to help her in her present awkward predicament," said the minister. "Martha's mother is ill, and she is going home this afternoon."

"Why, that is too bad," said Mary Armiger. "How long will Martha be gone?"

"A week at least," replied Miss Sophia.

"How would it do for me to come and keep house for you," asked Mary, after a few moments' thought. "Father and mother are going away tomorrow for about two weeks. There's the Widow Mason's daughter, Sarah,

who would, I am sure, be glad to come and do the rough work."

"You would be doing me a kindness I should not soon forget," replied Miss Sophia, with surprising eagerness.

In fact she was really delighted with the plan. What an opportunity it would afford to bring Mary Armiger's sterling qualities under the observation of the minister! He was fully cognizant of her usefulness in the church, her good work among the poor and suffering of the parish; her domestic virtues could now be demonstrated to him.

Miss Sophia looked at her brother. He was gazing gratefully and appreciatively at Miss Armiger.

"No one in trouble ever appeals to you in vain, Miss Mary," he said. "But this is really something of an imposition."

"Not at all. I shall be very glad indeed to come. Only," with a slight hesitation, "I am afraid I should be obliged to bring Lottie, as there will be no one at home."

Miss Sophia's brow darkened; the minister's pale face flushed slightly.

"By all means bring Miss Lottie," he said, as Miss Sophia remained silent.

Lifting her eyes one evening a week later, Miss Sophia saw upon the porch quite distinctly, for the moon was shining brightly, Mary Armiger and Charlie Saunders. She stiffened in her chair. Mary and Charlie being together, it followed that Lottie and the minister were bearing each other company. There rose before Miss Sophia's mind's eye a distracting vision of Lottie, lovely in her white gown, with pink roses in her yellow hair. The next moment, however, all thought of Lottie, engaged in luring the minister to return to his former folly, was driven from Miss Sophia's mind, for Charlie Saunders had placed his arm about Mary's waist and kissed her upon the lips.

Miss Sophia gasped in astonishment and horror. Could she have seen aright? Mary Armiger, the model of all that is best in womanhood, permitting an insolent boy to kiss her unrebuked!

As Miss Sophia sat bewildered the couple moved toward her.

"Why, Miss Sophia, you are all in the dark; I'll light the lamp," said Mary, as she stepped through the low window into the room, followed by Charlie.

Miss Sophia sat in grim silence until Mary had lighted the lamp. She fixed her eyes sternly upon Mary. Certainly she had never seen the elder Miss Armiger look quite so pretty before. There was a pink flush in her cheeks and her dark eyes were soft and bright.

"Mary Armiger, did I really see that young man kissing you a few moments ago or did my eyes deceive me?" asked Miss Sophia, with uncompromising abruptness.

Mary blushed, while Charlie, to Miss Sophia's intense indignation, began to laugh.

"I—I am afraid that you did, Miss Sophia," faltered Mary. "You see, I had just promised to marry him."

"What?" gasped Miss Sophia. "That worthless young scamp, who does nothing but flirt with your sister."

"Now, Miss Sophia, that's too bad," cried Charlie. "Lottie and I never thought of such a thing. She knows that I've been in love with Mary for ever so long."

Before Miss Sophia had time to collect her scattered wits sufficiently to make a reply the minister and Lottie entered the room. Lottie's cheeks were pinker than the roses she wore in her hair, and the minister's eyes were radiant.

For a moment Miss Sophia's eyes lingered first upon the girl and then upon her brother, and she made a quick movement to rise from her chair. The minister came to her assistance.

"I wish to go to my room," she said, laying her hand upon her brother's arm, but keeping her face studiously averted from him and the other occupants of the parlor.

When they reached her bedroom door she stopped and turned a rather white face toward him.

"I suppose you will permit me to remain until you are married to that doll?" she said.

"Why, Sophia, surely you are not thinking of deserting me, now that I shall need you more than ever?" exclaimed the minister. "You see, if I were going to marry a woman like Mary Armiger, now—and a suspicion of a smile crossed his lips, but was quickly suppressed—"I should not require any one to keep house for me. But it being Lottie makes it a very different matter."

For a moment or two Miss Sophia said nothing.

"Humph!" she at length replied. "I'll think about remaining."

### Australian Gold.

Melbourne dispatches reckon the total Australian gold product for the first four months of 1899 at 1,241,430 ounces, against 1,008,383 ounces in the same period of 1898. This would make an annual increase of nearly 700,000 ounces.

### Comparative Safety.

It has been estimated that steamers are 20 per cent. safer than sailing vessels.

### REGAINING HIS FORTUNE.

Gen. Grubb a Striking Example of American Pluck.

No better example of American pluck and perseverance has been seen in recent years than that displayed by General E. Burd Grubb, former minister to Spain and once candidate for Governor of New Jersey. For years the General was distinguished for his prominence in military and public affairs. He spent his money unstintingly and was one of the most generous men of his State.

It was as a partner of the firm of William M. Kaufman & Co., iron founders, of Sheridan, Pa., that he lost his fortune. He had joined the firm as a special partner, he thought, but when their crash came he discovered that he was a general partner and personally liable for all the firm's debts instead of for the amount represented by the stock he held.

In 1890 he was hurried off as minister to Spain on twenty-four hours' notice. He left power of attorney with three friends and gave directions that they were to investigate all his financial affairs and particularly his interests in the iron company at Sheridan. Their report showed that he had an income of \$100,000 a year. He returned from Spain in 1892. In 1893 the great panic



GEN. E. BURD GRUBB.

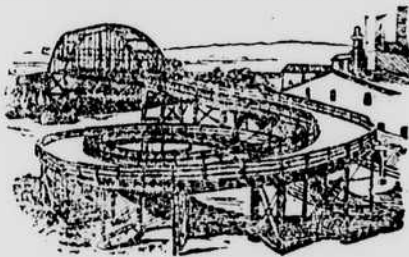
came and iron went out through the bottom financially. Grubb lost everything except hope.

He closed his magnificent home, sent his family to friends in London, lived in a room at the works on 60 cents a day, studying the situation there and then interested English capital with which he kept the works moving. This was later withdrawn by Grubb accepting options on it. Since the revival in iron industries he has formed a \$3,000,000 syndicate and is getting the big end of the immense profits of the business. He will shortly reopen his magnificent home and live once more in the luxury of former days.

### CURLYQUE APPROACH.

Tornado Tears Away Most Remarkable Bridge in Country.

When the tornado tore its way through the town of Hastings, Minn., it took with it the most remarkable bridge in the country. When the local engineer set to work to solve the problem of how to make a bridge suffi-



BRIDGE AT HASTINGS.

ciently high for the Mississippi boats to pass under, and yet not so high as to make a hoisting apparatus necessary for the vehicles that would pass over, he wished to build an incline roadway that would begin some distance from the river and lead gently up to and over the structure, but the Hastings town officials objected. They wanted the public highway preserved intact, and they wanted the bridge as well, and they told the engineer that he could take the puzzle home with him and solve it or resign in favor of a more ingenious man.

The engineer brought the solution down to the officials next day, and they at once sanctioned the construction of the remarkable bridge shown in the cut. The inclined roadway is there but instead of going straight ahead from a point a distance away, it corkscrews within a small space, being elevated on pillars that increase in height as the bridge rises until the level of the span is reached. Passengers on foot and travelers in vehicles wind around a spiral roadway, first going toward the river and then turning their backs to it and then facing around toward it again, until at last they find themselves on the bridge proper. Until the cyclone came along and signified its disapproval of the freak structure by demolishing it, the bridge had served well the needs of the people of Hastings.

### A Long Beard.

Just before W. V. Smith, of Florence, Kan., goes to bed he carefully places his beard in a muslin bag. After he has entered the bed he puts the bag under his pillow. His beard is nearly eight feet long.

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## SCIENCE AND INVENTION

A new growth of trees comes from above, the trunk of a tree does not increase in height. The oldest wood of a tree is in its heart, while the oldest bark is on the outside.

Recent investigation has shown that a bright green line characteristic of the spectrum of the new gas, krypton, is almost certainly identical with the spectroscopic line that characterizes the aurora borealis.

The new French rapid-fire gun, invented by Colonel Humbert, is said to make no flash when fired with smokeless powder. The location of such a gun, concealed in grass or shrubbery, would be completely undiscoverable to an enemy.

At a recent meeting of the Mineralogical Society in London the existence of rubies at Cowie Creek, North Carolina, was discussed, and the opinion of experts was quoted to the effect that these American rubies are comparable in color and brilliance with the finest gems from Burma. The Cowie Creek rubies were first found about fifteen years ago.

By agreement among civilized nations the day is held to begin as the sun crosses an imaginary line drawn through the Pacific Ocean from the North Pole, through Bering straits to the South Pole. The man on the East Cape in Siberia would be the first person to cry "Happy New Year," the Tonga Islander in the South Pacific would be the second.

There are a few instances of protective mimicry in plants, though in general plants protect themselves by spines, hairs and poisonous secretions. The "Stone Mesembryanthemum" of the Cape of Good Hope resembles the stones among which it grows and thus escapes the notice of wild herbivorous animals. It has also been observed that many plants growing in the stony soil of the Karoo have their tubers so like the stones around them that when the plant is not in leaf one cannot be distinguished from the other.

The people of Japan have shown such adaptability to European ideas that particular interest attaches to the conclusion of a writer in the "Transactions" of the Japan Society that the ancestors of the present inhabitants of Japan built the sepulchral chambers called dolmens in that country. No similar dolmens are found anywhere in Asia until the search comes westward to the shores of the Caspian Sea, "and for more closely allied forms it is necessary to go yet farther to Western Europe." It is shown that the original inhabitants of Japan, the Ainu, were driven out by invaders from whom the present inhabitants are descended.

Professor Lawrence Bruner, who spent the year 1898 investigating the grasshopper plague in Argentina, says that only Australia could match Argentina in the singularity of its life forms. It is a country where everything protects itself. "The trees have thorns, the grasses and weeds are provided with thorns and sharp blades, and herbaceous plants are shielded with burs." Forests exist where rains are scarce, and natives say that sometimes when heavy rains fall the trees die from too much moisture. Some birds, belonging to the same order as our waterfowl, avoid water. Many Argentine birds possess spurs on their wings.

### Corrected in Rhyme.

Thackeray was much pestered by the autograph-hunter, says Hodder in his "Recollections." He disliked above all things to write in an autograph album, and often refused those who asked him to do so, and sometimes rather brusquely.

On one occasion the owner of an album, a young lady, was fortunate. Thackeray took her book to his room in order to look it over. Written on a page he found these lines:

Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains;  
They crowned him long ago;  
But who they got to put it on  
Nobody seems to know.  
—Albert Smith.

Under these lines Mr. Thackeray wrote:

### A Humble Suggestion.

I know that Albert wrote in hurry;  
To criticise I scarce presume;  
But yet methinks that Lindley Murray,  
Instead of "who," had written whom.  
—W. M. Thackeray.

### Comparison of Salaries.

Admiral Dewey's salary amounts to \$37.50 a day, President McKinley's is equal to \$131 a day, Cabinet officers, the Vice President and the Speaker of the House get \$22.22 a day, Senators and Congressmen \$13.90, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court \$29 a day.

### Carrier Pigeons Armed.

In China carrier pigeons are protected from birds of prey by apparatus consisting of bamboo tubes fastened to the birds' bodies. As the pigeon flies the action of the air passing through the tubes produces a shrill whistling sound, which keeps the birds of prey at a distance.

### END OF A SPENDTHRIFT.

Lloyd Aspinwall, Man About Town and Squanderer of a Fortune.

Less than 50, but an old man in appearance, Lloyd Aspinwall, once famous as a "sport," died at a New York hotel. For several years he had lived



LLOYD ASPINWALL.

a retired life, because his means would allow no other kind, but there was a time when he equalled Berry Wall and Freddy Gebhardt. He was handsome, clever and rich. He set a pace that few could follow and that sent to the grave long ere he went, the few foolish young men who did go where he led.

Aspinwall's grandfather was a merchant prince of the metropolis—William H. Aspinwall. The son of this man was Gen. Lloyd Aspinwall, soldier and clubman, who left the spendthrift whose death is now chronicled an immense fortune fifteen years ago. The younger Lloyd Aspinwall took to yachts, fast horses, fancy drinks and handsome women and the combination proved as fatal to him as to hundreds of others. He was a favorite in society years ago and married beautiful Cornelia Luton. She left him ere long and died two years ago, their daughter following her within a few days. One cause of the separation of Aspinwall and his wife was his fondness for Lillian Russell, when she was a Casino favorite.

A single survivor with a memory of youthful days called to see him on the day of his death and that was his brother.

### A FAMOUS REFORMER.

George W. Julian Was Once a Candidate for Vice President.

George W. Julian, who died recently at his home in Indianapolis, was a prominent figure in national affairs a third of a century ago. He was a rugged, uncompromising reformer. Born in Indiana eighty-two years ago, he was elected to the legislature of the state at the age of 28. Within a few years he was the free soil leader, and



GEORGE WASHINGTON JULIAN.

for several years served in Congress as a free soil member.

He was an unyielding foe of slavery. In 1852 he was the free soil candidate for vice president. When the Republican party was formed he joined it and in 1860 was sent to Congress. For the next ten years he was a prominent political character in Washington, noted for his unswerving honesty, his bluntness, his slight disposition to be crabbed when opposed, but always having his face set toward the right. He served on the joint committee on the conduct of the war and for eight years was chairman of the committee on public lands. He was re-elected to his seat in Congress four times. The first administration of Grant did not please him, because he believed the Republican party was drifting away from its original aims. In consequence he supported Greeley in 1872, and after that never really returned to the Republican fold.

### The Advantage of One Eye.

During the late Spanish-American war a certain old colonel who had lost an eye at the battle of Gettysburg was very indignant because he was put aside as physically incapacitated, when he applied for admission to one of the New York volunteer regiments.

Filled with wrath and chagrin, the colonel journeyed to Washington, bent on having a personal interview with the President. He succeeded in gaining an audience, and the President, after listening to his plea, said kindly:

"But, my good Colonel J., you have only one eye!"

"Just so, sir," was the prompt rejoinder; "but can't you see the great advantage of my having only one eye? When I aim my gun I shan't have to close the other!"

He fought at Santiago.—Youth's Companion.

### DIMPLES MADE TO ORDER.

Paris Surgeons Devise a Way to Improve on Nature's Handiwork.

The hall mark of beauty lies in those little indentations made presumably by the finger of Cupid, but which so few women possess naturally. Being able to change the shape of the nose or the color of the eyes it follows that science has taken the making of dimples upon its hands and now one of the cleverest surgical operations results with little pain to the patient in a perfect imitation of the indentation wrought by the god of love and beauty himself. Paris originates it, of course.

The modus as practiced by the skilled surgeon who discovered the secret is to draw up the flesh in either chin or cheeks by means of a glass suction tube, of course an infinitesimal amount of cuticle being all that is necessary to thus secure. This done, the portion drawn up by the force of the air is tied with a bit of silk thread, treated with cocaine, and then snipped off with surgeon scissors. The wound is made less painful by dressing until it is thoroughly healed, when the silk thread is removed and the neatest of little holes, the exact replica of a dimple, is there forever.

Of course, laughter has no specific influence upon the made dimple. The



MAKING DIMPLES.

face in repose, in sorrow, in joy, will always be a dimpled one—a drawback that surgery has not yet been able to overcome. The made dimple is not responsive to emotions, but it is a potent factor in the charm of the feminine face.

### "Flag No. 5!"

In the meeting room of Division No. 46 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Albany, N. Y., is a simple yet touching and appropriate memento of as brave an engine-driver as ever put hand to throttle. This engineer, Edward Kennar, ran engine 238 on the western division of the New York Central Railroad. The Century Magazine tells the story of his heroism.

One April night, as Kennar's train was speeding toward Batavia, the locomotive headlight suddenly flashed upon a mass of moving earth and rock on the track. The train was rushing toward a landslide, of which there had not been the slightest warning. The whistle shrieked "Down brakes!" but it was too late. No. 238 plunged into the heaping debris, and a moment later lay wrecked at the foot of the embankment.

Pinned down by tons of steel, and writhing in the agony of death, was Kennar. Suddenly he seemed to pull together what of life there was left in him. Slightly raising his head, he shrieked—it seemed almost in anger—at those who had gathered about to help him if they could:

"Flag No. 5!"

With those words on his lips he died. "No. 5" was a west-bound train which usually met Kennar's near this point. The warning which he, forgetting his own agony, had given with his dying breath, recalled No. 5's peril to the train-hands, and hurrying back to the track they were in time to flag it.

### Death Mask of Ingersoll.



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### Modest Appeal.

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Our reportorial staff being at present shorthanded, we would solicit correspondence on good live topics of local interest. Let it be short and to the point; write on both sides of the paper if you wish, get your copy in while it is hot, and we will do the rest.

Stragglers of the Edmonton trail still continue to come down the Stikene river. Some, no doubt, will be compelled to spend the winter in that cruel wilderness, and we say: God help them!

Congressman Sulzer in his interview with a New York Journal reporter, which we published last week, says: "Alaska is a sportsman's paradise," the truth of which is plainly understood from the fact that this week Mr. Bell brought in over 150 mallard ducks the result of less than two days hunting.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh Bread at Weigels Bakery.

N. Nomer, late manager for the McKinnon Wharf Co., is up at Nome and is reported to be doing well.

P. C. Jensen, the popular restaurant man and owner of the Peter the Great mine, is contemplating a trip to Europe.

Be "up to date" and get your calling and business cards printed at this office.

Rich strikes on Prince of Wales Island are reported to be of daily occurrence.

Jack Frost paid Wrangel his first visit of the season on last Monday night. We can now expect him quite often.

Dr. Davy, late of Wrangel, is mining at Cape Nome and is reported to be taking out an ounce per day.

Al. Osborne has moved his piano to his shack, and now stag dances will be in order.

The s.s. Topeka touched at this point Wednesday on her way north.

Ed. Gilman has accepted a position as clerk for the St. Michaels Trading Co., during the absence of Mr. McCormick who is up at Juneau as a delegate to the Convention.

Newton Spicer, the genial manager of the McKinnon Co., has returned to Wrangel after an absence of about four weeks. His many friends will be glad to learn that his child which was very sick is now enjoying good health.

Attorney Chas. E. Ingersol of Ketchikan made this office a pleasant call on Thursday last and gave the new management his best wishes, paid a year's subscription to the JOURNAL, and reported Ketchikan booming.

The s.s. Dirigo called at this port on Monday last, north bound.

The sidewalk leading to Fort Front street has been repaired during the past week, which, together with the lamps which were put up some time ago reduces the danger of travelling after dark in that part of the city to a minimum.

### An Excursion Party.

On Monday last the Baranoff steamed off from the McKinnon wharf with as jolly an excursion party as ever left Wrangel, bound for the salmon hatchery at McHenry Inlet, of which Fred Patchin is in charge.

The party consisted of Mr. and the Misses Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Deppo, Miss May Erhart, H. Campbell, Geo. McCollough, Gus. Pruett and John F. Grant. The weather was a little sultry but desired, and after a most delightful trip the hatchery was reached, at which place they were welcomed heartily by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patchin.

Most of the time was spent hunting and fishing, there being plenty of the latter for the followers of Nimrod.

Tuesday night was spent in dancing, the music being furnished by Professor Pardee's Orchestra, with Fred Patchin as floor manager.

The party returned to Wrangel Wednesday evening laden with the spoils of the chase, and all expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

Dr. Lapsley returned Thursday evening from a three days' duck-hunt. When questioned as to the kind of time and whether he enjoyed himself or not, the Doc said: "It would have been impossible to have done otherwise, in view of the fact that I had one of the most genial and accommodating companions that was ever man's good fortune to go duck-hunting with."

N. B. run particulars next week.

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Geo. Clark, well known in mining circles, is in town. George is the lucky possessor of several rich mineral claims in this vicinity, also at Windham bay.

The NORTHERN LIGHT, a religious bi-monthly edited by Rev. H. P. Corser, was published at this office last week. It is an interesting work on Alaskan mission work. Subscribe, and have it sent to your eastern friends. Twenty-five cents per year is the subscription price.

The s.s. Topeka called at the McKinnon wharf to day (Saturday), southbound.

Donald Sinclair is adding an addition to his dwelling.

Mrs. Carsten left to day on the Topeka to visit friends in Seattle.

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The s.s. Dirigo touched at this port on her way south, Thursday.

The s.s. Farallon, Capt. Roberts, touched at this port on Monday last, on her way north.

The s.s. Farallon called at the C. P. R. dock on Friday, southbound.

The British s.s. Danube, southbound, tied up at the McKinnon wharf on Friday last, and discharged 100 tons of Wellington coal.

### Three Doctors in Consultation.

From Benjamin Franklin.

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### He Fell Fighting.

The many friends of Capt. Bogardus Eldridge, who was in command of the company stationed here during the past year, will regret to learn of his death in the Philippines. He fell while leading his company in battle at Imus. He leaves a wife and three children who are now residing at Vancouver, Wash. Capt. Eldridge was appointed from Massachusetts Aug. 31, 1876, and assigned to the 10th. Infantry, promoted first Lieutenant in the same regiment, May 21, 1883; promoted Captain Sept. 7 1897 and assigned to the 14th Infantry. His services with his regiment were almost entirely in Alaska, Dyea and Wrangel, being more than one year in the latter place. Capt. Eldridge was a man of charming personality, and had made a splendid record as company commander.

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### A Hot Time.

The party which was given by Bob wicks at the Opera House last Wednesday evening proved a grand success. The music, the floor, in fact everything was perfect. Everyone had a genuine hot old time. Dancing continued till past midnight, when everyone retired to their homes well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

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